

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

Torrance, California,
March 16, 1925.

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance was held in the Council Chambers at Torrance, California, March 16, 1925, and was called to order by Pres. Smith at 7:00 p.m. The following Trustees were present: Brooks, Deininger, Smith. Absent: Fitzhugh and Torrence.

The minutes of the regular meeting of March 2, 1925, were read and approved as read.

Trustee Torrence arrived during the reading of the minutes.

A letter from the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, to which was attached a letter from the Business Men's Association, regarding the purchase of supplies for the City, was read and ordered filed on motion by Trustee Brooks, seconded by Trustee Torrence and a majority vote.

Mr. Kingsley of the Herald asked if the circulation of a petition would be helpful to the Board regarding the lighting proposition?

President Smith advised that a petition coming from a portion of the citizens, or a certain class, would not be helpful; that he thought the better way would be to let the matter come up in the regular way by a Resolution of Intention, after which protests could be heard which would give a more definite idea of the view of all the people concerned; that objections must be submitted in writing, as verbal protests would not be considered.

Trustee Torrence, in his report, read a report from the Health Department, which he thought gave the City a very clean bill of health; that maps for the street lighting proposition, designating the location of each light, were by way of completion which would give a very intimate insight into the proposition as a whole; that the Fire and Police departments were doing nicely--no complaints having been received; and that the Recorder was satisfied in his

department; that the fire plug at Sierra and Amapola had not yet been installed, but that it would be without cost to the City as the rest of the improvements in that vicinity were completed.

Trustee Deininger reported progress on alleys, sidewalks and curbs; and moved that the Street Superintendent be instructed to replace the curb in the alley facing Post Street in Block 29, and make it conform with the City Engineer's specifications; and that an accurate account of the cost of same be kept in order to bill the Dominguez Land Co. Trustee Brooks seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Brooks, Deininger, Torrence and Smith.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustee Fitzhugh.

Trustee Deininger also reported that in some certain places the flush tanks in the alleys were not down to grade; that two especially needed attention right away--one back of Malone's and one in the block south; that if these two were cared for immediately, the rest of them might wait for a more auspicious time when the finances will be in better shape; that two tanks were now on display in the next room.

Trustee Fitzhugh came in at 7:40 p.m.

Trustee Brooks reported that he noticed a tree had been removed at the Julian Oil Station, and wanted to know if permission had been granted for its removal?

As no permission had been asked or granted, it was decided that the person at fault be cited to appear before the Board at the next regular meeting and show cause why the City ordinance had been broken.

The above mentioned Trustee also stated he had heard complaints that the Willite Co. was not using local labor as far as possible in connection with paving work. The memory of the right person or persons was to be jogged.

At this juncture, Mr. B. F. Hannebrink, Fire Chief, supported by his Volunteer Firemen, entered the Council Chambers, and presented, by a few well chosen words, a beautiful American flag to the Board of Trustees as a token of their appreciation of the Boards uniform support of their interests and comfort.

President Smith delegated Mr. Kingsley to answer for the Board which was done in a feeling manner, not forgetting to mention the unusually good work done in the past by the Fire department.

Attorney Briney reported that he had written to the owners of a certain garage house that had been advertised for rent, stating that fraud and misrepresentation had evidently been used in procuring a permit for said building and that the Board was of the opinion that said house should be removed or put in such shape that it could not be used as a dwelling, but might remain as a garage solely.

Attorney Briney read:

ORDINANCE NO. 108

GRANTING A FRANCHISE TO THE SUPERIOR OIL COMPANY

Trustee Fitzhugh moved that Ordinance No. 108 be adopted as read for its final reading and the same filed in the office of the City Clerk. Trustee Brooks seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Brooks, Deininger, Fitzhugh, Torrence, Smith.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustees: None.

ORDINANCE NO. 109 was read

REGARDING CURFEW REGULATIONS

Trustee Fitzhugh moved that Ordinance No. 109 be adopted as read for its final reading and the same filed in the office of the City Clerk. Trustee Brooks seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Brooks, Deininger, Fitzhugh, Torrence, Smith.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustees: None.

ORDINANCE NO. 110 was read.

REGARDING BUSINESS LICENSES AND REPEALING
ORDINANCES NOS. 50, 55, 59 AND 71

Trustee Fitzhugh moved that Ordinance No. 110 be adopted as read for its final reading and the same filed in the office of the City Clerk. Trustee Brooks seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Brooks, Deininger, Fitzhugh, Torrence, Smith.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustees: None.

In the matter of Barber shops locating in the residence district, it was the sense of the Board that same should not be allowed.

Trustee Fitzhugh introduced:

ORDINANCE NO. 111

CREATING A PLANNING COMMISSION

President Smith observed that this was a psychological time for the creating of a planning commission as there was so much to be done at the present time regarding boulevards leading into and out of the City; the improvement of the numerous parks dedicated to the City and the general planning for the good of the City from a civic standpoint; that real live workers--having more than the usual inthusias--should be chosen for this great work as a City's progress depended so greatly on its easy accessibility, uniform beauty and consequent radiated civic pride.

Trustee Fitzhugh moved that all bills, properly audited, be paid. Trustee Brooks seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Brooks, Deininger, Fitzhugh, Torrence, Smith.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustees: None.

At 8:45 p.m., on motion by Trustee Deininger, seconded by Trustee Brooks, and a majority vote, the meeting adjourned.

A. H. Bantlett
City Clerk of the City of Torrance.

Approved:

R. R. Smith
President of the Board of Trustees
of the City of Torrance.